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Winter Park Open For Use

TOBOGGAN SLIDE IN OPERATION; OTHERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Annual Carnival To Be Held Jan. 20, 21

Use of Grayling Winter Sports park for pleasure has already started, with one toboggan track finished and in operation. Two others are under construction. Alex Atkinson announced Wednesday morning that every effort is being made to get the new skating rink into operation and expects that it will be ready some time this week.

Work on the several features on the project, as laid out, has been going on steadily, in spite of the most inclement weather we have had here in many years. Last Sunday's edition of the Bay City Times contained a group of pictures showing the progress that is being made in the park and also an interesting account of the CWA activities and plans of the officers. It reads as follows:

With the assistance of the Civil Works administration, Grayling is preparing for the greatest winter sports program in its history.

With the weather man making promises of ideal conditions for the chosen fete dates, the Grayling sports committee is completing final arrangements for the annual festival to be held Jan. 20, 21. Forty men are at work at the winter park completing the final details of constructing a ski jump for professionals, a bob sled runway, ski trail extensions, a ski jump for children, a hockey and skating rink, an administration building. A large area is also being cleared as an automobile parking zone with the construction of numerous roads to eliminate traffic congestion during the winter sports festival.

New Toboggan Slide Initiated
Grayling winter sports enthusiasts initiated the first of the newly constructed improvements Saturday night when the 1,400 foot toboggan slide was used for the first time of the season. A new approach has been constructed for the slide, adding thrills and fun to the widely-famed Grayling toboggan slide.

Work under the CWA program is fast being completed, the winter park improvements costing an approximate sum of \$7,000.

With the completion of the developments, Grayling will boast the finest winter park set-up in the state, an achievement that is expected to draw thousands of visitors to this capital city of winter sports during the annual festival in January.

The Grayling CWA program was one of the first civil works projects to get underway in Michigan, the local government being among the very first to make application for government assistance in developing the winter sports possibilities here. This project was readily approved and work was begun at once with the hope that the park improvements would be completed, or nearly so, by the end of the year.

That that aim will be achieved is evident as the 40 CWA workers start work on the finishing touches this week.

Committee Satisfied
Expressing extreme satisfaction over the progress of the park developments and the outlook for the 1934 winter sports festival, Heiger F. Peterson, president of this winter sports committee, Saturday, said: "Through the CWA this year Grayling has achieved a civic ambition that seemed, last year, to be years away."

Through the improvements in

the winter sports park, it is possible for Grayling to stage a sports festival this winter greater than any ever before held in this part of the country.

"Every facility, from ski jumps for the professionals to ski jumps for kiddies, has been provided so that the success of the winter sports program this year would already seem to be an assured fact."

"For years, northern Michigan has lured tourists during the summer months and for the past few years, Grayling has made a determined effort to attract winter tourists as well. It is our belief that Grayling's attractions are even greater in winter than in summer, for, through the facilities offered by the winter sports program, every guest tourist is given the opportunity, not only to observe, but to participate."

"Grayling is enthusiastically looking forward to the January winter sports festival."

Co-workers with Peterson on the winter sports committee, are: John Bruun, Roy O. Milnes, Clarence Johnson, E. J. Olson, Elmer Slaven, Mayor C. G. Clippert, Lorane Sparkes, Wilfred Laurant, Edwin Chalker, Richard Lovely, and William Christenson. Alex Atkinson, assisted by John Deckrow is supervising the CWA development work.

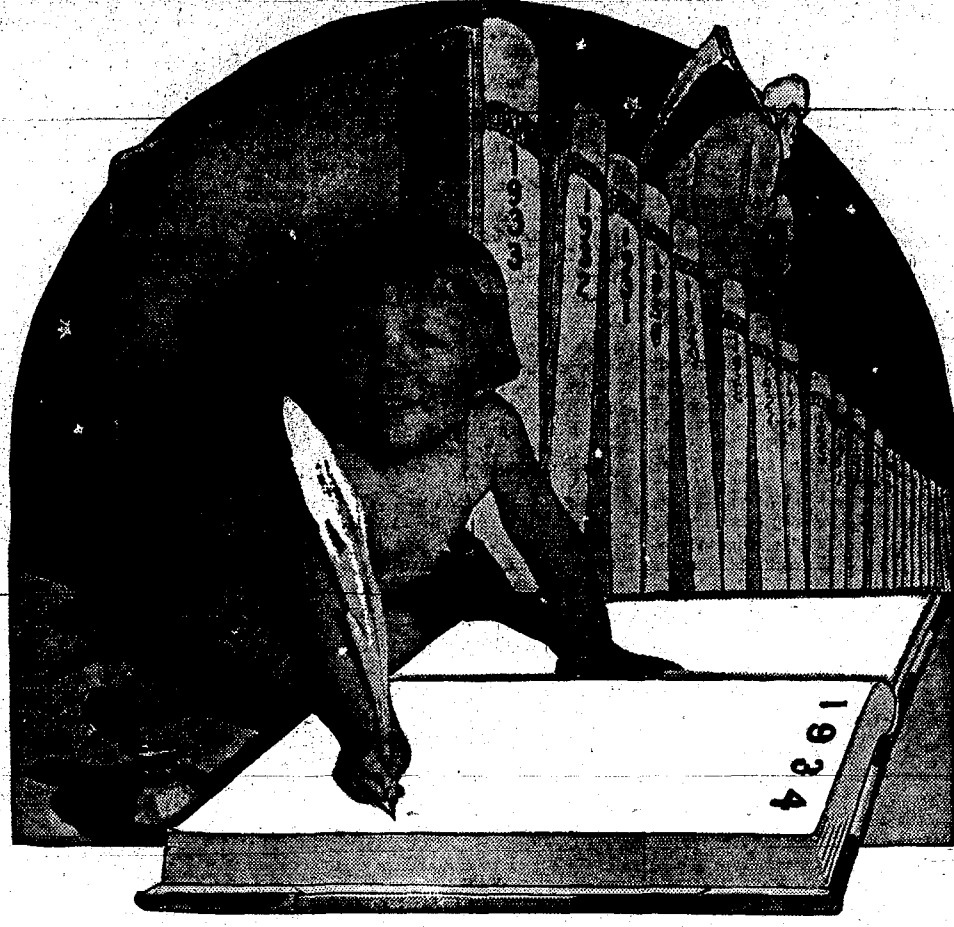
Mrs. Jennie Murphy Meets Tragic Death

Last Friday the news was received here of the sad death of Mrs. Jennie Murphy, who died in Henry Ford Hospital the night previous from injuries sustained in an auto accident in Dearborn. Mrs. Murphy had gone to the home of her daughter Mrs. John Bigham in Dearborn about a month ago on a visit and Thursday evening it is believed she went out to purchase a gift for her daughter. However it was on returning home after the shopping trip that the fatal accident occurred as she was crossing the busiest thoroughfare, Michigan avenue. George Renz, proprietor of a delicatessen store in Dearborn stated that Mrs. Murphy was in the act of crossing the street and as he drove into the intersection at a speed of 25 miles per hour she leaped from the path of another car and ran into the side of his own. Pedestrians hurried to Mrs. Murphy's aid and carried her into a drug store nearby and from there she was rushed to the Ford First aid station and then to Henry Ford Hospital where she passed away two hours later. Mrs. Murphy had visited in Dearborn at various times but had never gone out much alone.

The remains were brought to Frederic and the funeral services held Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. J. Salmon of Michelson Memorial church officiating. Interment was in Fife Lake beside the remains of her husband, the late James Murphy.

Jennie Chase was born in Michigan, Nov. 14, 1869. When a young woman she came to Crawford county where she taught school and where on May 30, 1887, she was married in marriage to James Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy later went to Fife Lake where they resided on a farm near there and where six children were born, three of whom died in infancy. In 1910 they returned to Crawford County and settled in Frederic and Mr. Murphy passed away in 1920 and since then Mrs. Murphy had made her home in Grayling most of the time. She had been employed at the Grayling Dairy at one time and later at the Sandwich Shoppe. She had

A Busy Year Ahead



Physical Ed. Program During Vacation

STARTING WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3RD. 5TH TO 12TH GRADES

The physical education program for pupils of Grayling school will begin Wednesday, January 3rd at the school gym. Classes will be formed that day for the boys and on the following day classes for girls will begin. Follows are the hours scheduled for the several grades:

9:00 to 10:30—5th and 6th grades.
10:30 to 12:00—7th and 8th grades.
1:00 to 2:30—9th and 10th grades.
2:30 to 4:00—11th and 12th grades.

The classes will be under direction of Willard Cornell, teacher of physical education and athletic coach for Grayling school.

Grayling 28 Boys City 22

With clever passing and good shooting, the Northern Lights defeated the rangy Boys City club to the tune of 28-22. The Grayling battlers, through team effort, registered their first victory of the season and the boys are determined to make this the start of a long string.

Continued improvement will make the local basketballers a hard aggregation to stop.

Player	Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Green, RF		1	4	6
Ecker, RF		0	0	0
Kojewski, LF		3	0	6
Thompson, LF		1	0	2
Fitzpatrick (C)		1	0	2
Burden, RG		2	1	5
Davis, RG		0	0	0
Hausler, LG		0	1	1
Crosier, LG		0	0	0
Totals		8	6	22
Grayling—28				
Player	Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Sorenson, RF		3	2	8
Smock, (R & L) F		0	0	0
Lovely, LF		4	1	9
Gothro, C		3	2	8
Smith, C		0	0	0
Hanson, RG		0	0	0
Borchers, LG		1	1	3
Malonen, LG		0	0	0
Doremire, LG		0	0	0
Total		11	6	28

a large circle of friends both here and in Frederic who are grieved to learn of her untimely demise.

Surviving the deceased are her son, Ray Murphy, ex-supervisor of Frederic Township, and her daughter, Mrs. Bigham, who will be remembered by her friends here as Lois Murphy, both of whom have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Santa Remembers Many Children

There was no reason whatever for children of Crawford county to be without a Christmas treat, as with the Community Christmas and those given by each one of the churches, no one could possibly be left out.

The community Santa Claus provided by the business men of Grayling distributed 7.0 sacks of candies and nuts and as many popcorn balls Saturday afternoon, as they left the Rialto Theatre, where they had enjoyed seeing "Robinson Crusoe," complimentary on the part of George Olson.

At noon the children from all parts of the County began to gather and long before the theatre opened there was a crowd of eager-faced girls and boys of all ages. And after the show was over there was more crowding to get out to where Santa was waiting for them. Thanks to everybody who helped to make the day such a happy one.

Sunday School Christmas Programs

During the week previous to Christmas the programs and Christmas trees for the children of the various churches were held and throngs of children enjoyed the festivities to the utmost. Thursday night the Sunday school of Michelson Memorial church held their varied program of recitations and songs and each one took his part very nicely. Every seat in the church was filled with many others provided to take care of the huge crowd. The program was followed by the distribution of sacks of candies and nuts.

St. Mary's party was held Friday afternoon in the clubrooms over the Hanson Hardware, when 43 children took part in the program arranged by Miss Eleanor Gorman. Long tables were attractive with decorations fashioned from the Christmas colors, red and green, and after the program ice cream in individual cups and frosted cakes were served. At this time Santa appeared and distributed the sacks of goodies to some 150 children.

The annual Danish Christmas tree was held Tuesday night at Danebod hall and as usual was enjoyed by grown-ups as well as the children of the congregation. A lovely lighted tree was the center of attraction from which gifts and sacks of candies were distributed. A program of recitations and songs was given and coffee and other refreshments served.

Everybody is entitled to courtesy—even your wife.

Here Is Chance To Win Cash Prize

WRITE AN EDITORIAL FOR THE AVALANCHE NEXT WEEK

The Avalanche is pleased to announce to our subscribers a contest that has for the successful contestants two cash prizes. All you have got to do is to write an editorial for this paper. The editorial must have not less than 200 words and not more than 100 words. It must be written on the following subject:

"Why A Community Newspaper?"

The donor of the cash prizes is Adrian Van Koeveering, editor and publisher of The Zeeland Record. Mr. Van Koeveering is former president of the Michigan Press Association. He is the publisher of one of the best weekly newspapers in the state and he is intensely loyal to the community where he has spent his entire life in newspaper work.

He is offering this prize to people of Michigan in order to create a bit more of interest in the future of the community newspaper. It is realized by everyone that the very life of a community is in its newspaper, that when its newspaper dies, the town spirit dies and then your community is on the way out. This is but history.

The future of the small town is now at the crossroads. It must be saved. Mr. Van Koeveering knows that the community newspapers of the nation can play an important part in this great job of the future.

He is offering as a first prize \$25.00 in cash. The second prize is \$10.

Will you write the editorial today or tomorrow, submit it to the editor of The Avalanche and it will be submitted to the contest committee at the time of the annual convention of the Michigan Press Association to be held in Lansing, January 25, 26 and 27. The announcement of the winners will be made at that time.

In writing your editorial, write it on one side of the paper only. Write clearly. Place your name, your address and the name of the town in which you live at the top of the first page. And write your editorial today on the subject, "Why A Community Newspaper," and submit it within the next few days to the editor of The Avalanche who will see to it that they all reach the contest committee at the time of the annual convention of the MPA in East Lansing. No editorials will be accepted after January 15, so write yours today.

To Choose Queen For Winter Carnival

MERCHANTS DONATE FUNDS AND MERCHANDISE

The time is at hand for the choosing of a Queen for Grayling Winter Sports Carnival. A Sports committee consisting of Elmer Slaven, Spike McNeven, Menno Corwin, Willard Cornell and Mrs. Walter Mikesell are bending every effort toward making this selection a successful and representative one. And it is hoped that our neighboring villages will turn out to help us select our Queen, as well as the people of Grayling. Remember, the Queen this year is to be the most popular girl in Crawford County, and such a Queen cannot be chosen with fairness to all without equal cooperation from all parts of the County.

The Winter Sports association has gone on record as agreeing to furnish the 1934 Queen with a complete sport costume for the Carnival. This costume will become the property of the Queen. The merchants of Grayling have entered into the spirit of the Carnival this year and the following business men have pledged their support to the Queen and her court in the form either of merchandise or cash:

Burrows' Meat Market.
The Grayling Mercantile Co.
The Great A. & P. Tea Co.
Blanche's Beauty Shop.
Gothro's Barber Shop.
Grayling 6c to \$1.00 Store.
Connie's Grocery.
Corwin Auto Sales.
Kraus' Dry Goods Store.
Grayling State Savings Bank.
Standard Oil Co.—Agent.
Alfred Hanson.
Peter Lovely.
Rialto Barber and Beauty Shop.

Paddy's Grill.
Redson & Cooley Gift Shop.
Parsons & Wakeley.
Moshier Oil Co.
Betty Mae Beauty Shoppe.
Olson's Shoe Store.
John Bruun.
Hanson Hardware Co.
Avalanche.

Sorenson & Sons Sporting Goods
Drs. Keyport & Clippert.
Mac & Gidley's Rexall Store.
The Central Drug Store.
F. J. Mills, Jeweler.
Shopenagons Inn.
Sorenson's Furniture Store.
The Pure Food Store.
Grayling Bakery.
A. J. Trudeau, Photographer.
Hanson's Restaurant.
Geo. Burke.
J. F. Smith.
Leo Schram S. S.
Schneover Garage.

More donors will be listed before our next publication, at which time the name will again appear together with the new ones and amount or kind of merchandise, will be published.

This year the queenship is to go to the most popular girl in Crawford County of sixteen years or over. The Queen is to be chosen by popular vote, which means that the girl candidate receiving the greatest number of votes, after a three day period of voting, automatically becomes Queen. The four girls next highest in the voting will become the Queen's court.

As to candidates for Queen, any girl of sixteen years or over, residing in Crawford county, and regardless of whether or not she has previously been Queen, is eligible to become a candidate. However, anyone wishing to enter as a candidate must turn in her name, or have a friend turn in her name to the Avalanche Office on or before January 3rd, 1934. The candidates are entitled to campaign for themselves from now until voting begins. No campaigning will be allowed at the voting booth.

The voting will take place at a booth in the Grayling Post Office, on January 11, 12 and 13, 1934, between 8 A. M. and 6 P. M. A list of the nominees will be on view at the Post Office during the voting period. Anyone in Crawford County over twelve years of age is entitled to one vote.

In view of such loyal support from the Grayling merchants, it is now up to the people of Crawford County to show their interest by helping to choose a representative to preside at the Winter Sports carnival. The Winter Sports committee wants candidates for the voting, so that names may be turned in on or before January 3rd, and request the public to vote for their favorite during January 11, 12 and 13. The results of the voting will be published in the January 18 issue of the Crawford Avalanche. Do your part. We are doing ours.

Below-Zero Weather Greet Holidays

HEAVY SNOWS AND ICE ROADS RETARD TRAFFIC

Highway Dept. Work Day And Night

Winter weather such as this section of the state hasn't experienced in many years, greeted the holiday season. Heavy snows began falling Thursday night of last week and storms have continued intermittently ever since. Temperatures dropped and real snug winter weather is with us.

The coldest period, according to the government weather station at the Military reservation, was Wednesday morning when the thermometer recorded 6 below zero. And according to George Schaible, who has this weather recording in charge, there are 15 inches of snow on the level.

The Reservation station gives out the following records: Dec. 25—coldest was 1 below zero and the warmest was 15 above. Dec. 26th—1 below and 12 above. Dec. 27th—6 below and 8 above.

P. G. Zalsman, Supt. of Grayling Fish Hatchery, who keeps the weather record for the state, gives the following figures: Dec. 24th—6 above was the coldest and 18 above the warmest. Dec. 25th—1 below zero and 6 above. Dec. 26th—3 below and 12 above. Dec. 27th—3 below and 7 above. Dec. 28th—8 above and 5 above, the temperature dropping during the forenoon.

It will be noted that there is in some instances quite a variation in temperatures between the station at Lake Margrethe and the one at the Grayling Fish hatchery. This is no doubt due to locations and to their respective local climatic conditions.

Local CWA projects in Grayling have continued right thru the weather but it has been difficult for the men to endure and for them to make much progress. This is especially true in the work on the storm sewers, the city park project and the tree work at the school yard.

The State and County highway departments have been right onto the jobs and have succeeded in keeping highways cleared of snow and in condition for traffic. The late snows covered heavy stretches of ice roads further south of Grayling, thus improving the roads for safe driving.

Severe cold and heavy snows are reported all over the U. S. According to newspaper and radio reports, the middle west has suffered the coldest December weather it has experienced in many years. Sub zero weather is reported in states further south than Michigan, and has caused much hardship and suffering.

SCIENCE STUDIES THE WEIRD ACTIONS OF SLEEP- WALKERS

An article in The American Weekly with next Sunday's Detroit Times will reveal investigations which show that ordinarily harmless people can commit murders, write scurrilous letters or make long and dangerous journeys while fast asleep—but exploding many other popular notions about somnambulists.

Rialto Theatre

PROGRAM

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30
Elissa Landi and Paul Lucas
in
"BY CANDLELIGHT"
Mickey Mouse Comedy
Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1
Joan Crawford and Clark Gable
in
"DANCING LADY"
Comedy—
Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.
Silly Symphony
Coming Soon—
"MAN'S CASTLE"

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1934

In bidding farewell to the Old Year and welcoming the New, the

Grayling Box Co.

extends to all friends the wish for happiness and prosperity.

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PROGRESSIVE FARM WOMEN

Praises of plug tobacco and patent medicine legends may be missing as feature of the scenery along Michigan highways in the near future. Farm women are arguing against selling advertising space on the broadsides of barns. The home economics committee of the National Grange adopts as a program ridding every Grange farm of outdoor advertising during the coming year. The home economics committee represents public opinion among women folk of the rural districts. There are 400,000 women members of the Grange in the country and their say will go a long way toward dictating the national barn-painting policy.—Detroit News.

MRS. LAURINE NELSON PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Laurine Larson Nelson passed away last Friday in Lansing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hoffman, where she had been since Thanksgiving. Mrs. Nelson's health had failed rapidly for a couple of months and she was taken home by her daughter following a visit here.

The remains were brought to Grayling and the funeral held Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter Mrs. Albert Roberts. Rev. Hans Juhl of Danish-Lutheran church officiated at the services.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Langeland, Denmark, May 4, 1856 and came to America, first settling in Union Grove, Wisconsin, and coming to Grayling in 1883. This had been her home since that time.

Her husband, the late Peter Nelson passed away on February 29, 1924 and on June 8, 1927 her oldest son Hans R. Nelson died. Other survivors are four daughters and one son. Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Clara White, Lansing, Mrs. Emma Frederickson, Dublin, Calif., and Walter Nelson, of Gaylord, also her sister, Mrs. P. L. Brown, Grayling. The daughters and son were present at the funeral services together with their families, all but Mrs. Frederickson. Others from away who came to attend the last rites were Mr. and Mrs. Burt Scholz of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strehl of East Jordan, and J. E. Stockey, of Lansing.

The family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Extra Fee for Gush

Post Office officials of Scotland have ruled that cables of felicitation sent to newly married couples in colonies must be charged at full commercial rates, while those bearing other greetings go at reduced tolls.

Great Editor's Dream Comes True



The dream of the late Col. W. R. Nelson, founder, publisher and editor of the Kansas City Star, was to give to Kansas City a fine art gallery. His dream has been realized, for the William Rockhill Nelson gallery of art has just been dedicated and opened to the public. Colonel Nelson's gifts for the building and exhibits were about \$15,000,000. The collection includes many foreign and American masterpieces. A part of the building houses the Atkins museum, in which is the library of Colonel Nelson.

New Year's
in the Family

By Charles Frederick Wadsworth

JIM TROMAN stamped the snow from his feet and entered the front door of his home.

He stood straight, with chin up and a good-humored challenging look in his eye.

Anne Troman, busy preparing the table for the evening meal, looked up.

"Well, Father," she smiled, "you look pretty well pleased with yourself this evening."

"I don't know how I look, but I feel like a million dollars!"

"And why?" Anne wanted to know.

"Just because," Jim spoke deliberately and impressively, "I am going to start the New Year with a clean slate. I have paid every bill I owed. No man can say I owe him a dime. And I have yet one day to go before New Year's!"

"That surely is fine," said Anne. "It does make us feel good, doesn't it?"

"Hold on there, Daddy Jim," warned little Bert. "You haven't paid me back that three dollars and thirty-one cents I let you have some time ago out of my bank."

"Nor the two dollars and eighty-six cents I let you have out of my bank," little Agnes reminded him.

Daddy Jim laughed. "Oh, that is all in the family. You know I'll pay you back, don't you?"

"Of course," said Bert, "but so did all those other folks you paid off. So why did you think you had to pay them and not us?"

"Because," said Daddy Jim, "they are business people and need the money to use in their business and make more money."

"Well, so do I want to make more money," argued Bert gravely. "I want to start a savings account the first of the year, and get interest on my money."

"Me, too," chimed in little Agnes. Anne laughed as Daddy Jim's eyes widened. "I think the children have one on you there, Father."

"Yes, I guess they have at that," said Jim, leaning back in his chair to get his hand into his trousers pocket. "Now, let me see. Here is a five-dollar bill, three ones, and a dollar fifty-nine in change. After paying my young creditors I would have three dollars and forty-one cents left for a New Year's dinner."

Daddy Jim looked at Anne inquiringly. She smiled.

"That will do very nicely," she said.

"Okay," said Jim heartily. "Here is the whole works. Pay the claims of our distinguished little creditors, and look after the big dinner with what's left."

He held the money out to her.

"And as for the dinner," she assured him, "I am surely going to surprise you!"

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Departing Citizen

No citizen is subject to deportation. If it were proved that the person had obtained his papers by fraud, it is possible that these papers would be canceled and he might then be subject to deportation for due cause.

Her
New Year's
Resolution

By Helen Galsford

JOHN LARKIN was too busy for frivolities on New Year's Eve. He sat at his massive desk till eleven and then, to rest his eyes, turned off his lamp and sat in darkness, watching the lights and figures on the street below.

When he woke with a start an hour later at the sound of horns and sirens, he was cold and stiff. Suddenly he realized that some one else was in the room. He sat very quiet, scarcely breathing. A beam of light flashed and was gone. A moment later the unseen visitor had picked out the safe, and delicate fingers twirled the dial.

Although he realized that a shot might pass unnoticed in the din outside, he could scarcely sit and be robbed. With a sudden lunge he grasped both the intruder's wrists—and in his arms lay a frail form, quite motionless. He looked for a weapon, found none, and turned on the lights.

"A girl," he exclaimed, "in boy's clothes!"

She stirred and sat up.

"Well," he demanded, "tell me what you wanted in my safe."

"Nothing. Let me go."

"I suppose you were responsible for those letters that were stolen last week. But they were in code, so you came back for the key."

"Do you mean these?" She took from her shirt a sheaf of papers. "I was going to put them back. I have decoded them."

He took the papers. Above the code ran a perfect translation. He looked at her a long time. "Don't please," she said, and covered her face with her hands.

"Did anyone ever tell you how beautiful you are?" he asked.

"White and dainty like those snowflakes falling outside."

She shrugged. "I suppose if you were going to call the police you would have done so by now."

"Yes."

"Are you going to let me go?"

"More than that. I'm going to take you home."

"I can get home all right. Even if anyone recognizes this as a disguise, they will think it part of the night's celebration."

"As you say. But won't you tell me why, at midnight on New Year's Eve, a beautiful woman returns a cleverly decoded message to my safe?"

"Yes," she answered. "Sit down."

"A week ago," she began, "I was very down on my luck. I have always been rather a gambler, and I vowed that I would either be well off or flat broke by the last day of the year."

"That night I read in the paper of your exploits in the stock market—how everything seemed to rise or fall at your command. I decided to throw my lot with yours—only I knew that of course you would not divulge your methods to a stranger."

"When the stranger is so beautiful one might do many things," he murmured. "Was your ruse successful?"

"Very. I now have ten times what I had then."

"But I don't understand how you got into my office, and found the combination to my safe."

She laughed. "That was easy. My father was a locksmith; when I was a child locks and their mechanisms were my toys. I could open open them by touch."

"And decoded the messages."

"That did take work. I sat up all that night, trying again and again. You see, the possibility of a code had not occurred to me when I decided to rummage among your personal effects. That was why I had to take the papers away, instead of just reading them. But at last I was lucky, and once I got a start, it was just a question of time."

"You have a good start into the New Year as a safe-breaker," he observed.

"Please don't say that. I was so desperate, and it hasn't hurt any."

"I'll never be the same unless I am sure you are keeping out of such devilry."

"If I make a New Year's resolution never to crack another safe will that satisfy you?"

"Partly," he answered, as he opened the door for her, "only I think I had better come around now and then to see that you keep it. What are you doing this coming year?"

Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 29, 1910

Married Saturday evening Dec. 24th, Mr. Ira Leonard and Miss Pearl Spring, both of Grayling. Justice McCullough officiated.

Miss Laura Simpson came home from her school at Benton Harbor for midwinter vacation.

W. S. Chalker and wife came down from the farm Monday a little late for the Christmas dinner, but were just as heartily greeted, as they would have been the day before.

C. J. Hathaway left on the Saturday midnight train for Orion and Detroit. Will eat turkey with his wife in the old home and is expected to return with her today.

Mrs. Alma Goslow, with her husband came down from their Gaylord home Friday evening, to spend Christmas with her parents and visit with Miss Gladys, who came home from Shiawassee County last week.

Many of the friends of Miss Althea McIntyre now at Tucson, Arizona, are sending her cheerful thanks and good wishes for receiving bouquets of mistletoe and daisies, gathered by her in the mountains of her western home to whom the growing vine was strange.

Miss Edith Ballard is home from the south and ready to care for her boarders, as heretofore.

The Christmas time was brightened in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jerome by the presence

of both of their boys, George coming from Lansing, and Benjamin from Grand Rapids.

Dr. C. C. Wescott and wife and the children are down from their home at Salling for the Christmas festivities and will remain to welcome the new year at the home of her father, J. K. Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coventry, who were among the early pioneers of Maple Forest and resided in this county until eight years ago when they moved to Holly, Mich., are guests for the glad Christmas week, of their daughter, Mrs. S. S. Phelps Sr., and are welcomed by hosts of their old friends.

Representative George A. Loud called at the White House and urged President Taft to appoint Judge Sharpe, of West Branch, United States District Judge for the eastern district of the state, to succeed Judge Swan, who has announced that he will retire from the bench early next year.

Died, at his home in this village, Friday, Dec. 23rd, 1910, Robert McElroy, aged 68 years, 4 months and 7 days, from cerebral hemorrhage, following paralysis.

Died, at his home in this village, Monday, Dec. 23, Albert W. Schroeder, age 34 years.

WINNERS IN REXALL CONTEST

During the month of December a very spirited boys and girls contest was put on by the makers of Rexall drugs at Mac & Gidley's, the Rexall Store. There were 153 took part in the contest and 16 prizes were awarded to the following:

1 Jerry Joe Smock, 9858 votes—Electric train.

2 Alfred Hanson, 6884 votes—Tool chest.

3 Junior Trudeau, 6626 votes—Fire engine.

4 Bobbie Stock, 5270 votes—Train.

5 Jack Hull, 4407 votes—Skates.

6 Bobbie Ryan, 4347 votes—Football.

7 Clarence Hoelsi, 4231 votes—Automobile.

8 Clayton Gorman, 4210 votes—Scooter.

Girl winners, and prizes were dolls:

1 Beverly Peterson, 5629 votes.

2 Betty Failing, 3954 votes.

3 Betty Hewitt, 3355 votes.

4 Louise Ann Burns, 3321 votes.

5 Donna May Milliken, 3186 votes.

6 Sally Brady, 2970 votes.

7 Ruth DeFraine, 2474 votes.

8 June Morris, 2034 votes.

The Passing
Year

By Henry Loukase, in Detroit News

THE year that we measured has ended; And has fused with the years sublime; The landmarks we knew have all blended In the age old image of time.

Its suns and its shadows have perished, Like the loves that we quickly forget; But the spring and the autumn it cherished Still haunt with a tinge of regret.

We meet on this threshold each season; And we sigh as the sands must drift by. Each grain is as precious as reason, For they total the years 'til we die.

College Has Own Gas Well

A gas well drilled on the campus of Marshall college, West Virginia, has a daily supply of 60,000 cubic feet and supplies fuel for the heating plant.

one.

"But it has," he insisted. "I'll never be the same unless I am sure you are keeping out of such devilry."

"If I make a New Year's resolution never to crack another safe will that satisfy you?"

"Partly," he answered, as he opened the door for her, "only I think I had better come around now and then to see that you keep it. What are you doing this coming year?"

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Calendar of Grapes

Spain has an old custom, observed on New Year's Eve, where ever merry-makers are gathered, of eating little bunches of exactly twelve grapes, one for each month of the year.

Let
the car speak
for itself

HUNDREDS of thousands of people now own and drive Ford V-8 cars. Some neighbor or friend of yours has one. If we told you what we think of the car, you might say we are prejudiced, so we let the car and its owner tell you.

Economy of operation is one of the first points they will emphasize—the owner will boast of it and the car will prove it.

The 1934 car is even better than the 1933—and that was our best car up to its time. The new car is more beautiful—faster—more powerful—gives more miles to the gallon—better oil economy—is easier riding—cheaper to own and operate than any car we ever built.

You owe it to yourself and your pocketbook to ask our Ford Dealer to let you see this car, and let you drive it for yourself. At the wheel of the car you will be sure to reach a right decision. The Ford V-8 will tell you its own story.

NEW
FORD V-8
for 1934

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincere gratitude is extended to our friends for the kindness and beautiful expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement. We also wish to thank Rev. H. J. Salmon for his comforting words.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. John Bigham and Families.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling, in said county, on the 18th day of December A. D. 1933.

Present, Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William McNeven, deceased.

Harold McNeven, a son of said deceased, having filed in said court his petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine the date of death of said deceased, the names of those entitled by survivorship to real estate in which said deceased had an interest as life tenant, joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, and other facts essential to a determination of the rights of the parties interested in said real estate.

It is ordered, that the 15th day of January, A. D. 1934, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

12-31-4

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS
OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON
THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED

Take notice, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with fifty per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land: STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Crawford.

The northwest quarter of Sec. 14, Town 25N, Range 1W. Amount paid \$32.42 tax for year 1923, 1924.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$_____ plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Northern Michigan Land and Oil Corporation, place of business Grayling, Michigan.

To Mary A. Jackson, grantee of Henry A. Bauman, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

12-31-4

Now that we KNOW that we can get all the booze we care to buy, we don't want any. Isn't that queer?

Want Ads

HELP WANTED—To build fires and shovel walks. Inquire at once at Avalanche Office.

PINE STUMPS FREE—At Winter Sports park. Come and get as many as you want.

FOUND—Two keys on a ring, one a Master Lock Co. key and the other a Chicago Lock Co. key. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for advertisement.

FOR SALE—1 pr. two-horse sleighs and 2 strings of bells. Mrs. D. H. Ward.

FOR SALE—1 trumpet and an E flat saxophone. Inquire at Spike's Beer Garden.

FOUND—Keychain with 6 keys; one a Yale No. 15A299. Owner may call for same at Avalanche Office.

12-21-3

LOST—Bunch of keys on key ring. Two were car keys, Nos. 1105 and 1106. Finder please notify Chas. Damon, Grayling, or leave at Avalanche office. 25c reward.

SADDLE HORSE FOR SALE—Price very reasonable. Phone 353.

FOR SALE—2 modern houses, cheap for cash or on easy terms. Inquire at Paddy's Grill.

News Digest

THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1933

SOUND CHARACTER

Sound character is the nation's most valuable asset. It is based upon high ideals and wholesome habits. Both are acquired from the earliest years. To lay the foundation of character is the privilege of the home. Generosity, courtesy, respect for others grow out of the intimate relationships of the family.—Herman Roe.

The Crawford County board of supervisors will convene on January 2nd for their winter meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Shive, of Warren, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishaw over Christmas.

Frank Bishaw, of East Jordan is spending this week in Grayling visiting at the Fred Bishaw home.

E. F. Cooper of Birchwood Lodge on the Manistee spent Christmas at the Maurice Gorman home.

Miss Lucilda Collens, of Detroit, spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Collens.

Mrs. Alvin Burch and son Kenneth, of Traverse City, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph and family.

Masquerade dance at Temple in Grayling Saturday night, Dec. 30. Good music, starting at 9 o'clock. Gents 35c; ladies 10c.

Miss Marguerite Montour is spending the week in Detroit and her sister Miss Bunny is taking her place at the Grayling bakery during her absence.

Charles Webb and family, who have been occupying one of the Randolph cottages at Lake Margrethe, are moving to quarters over the Grayling hardware.

The old phrase said, "Put up or shut up." If you can't put up some real effort to improve your home town and neighborhood, better shut your mouth about its defects.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Salmon and daughter Phyllis left Monday morning by rail for Calumet to be there for Christmas with both of their parents who reside in that city.

Mrs. Elmer E. Gamble and children, Arnold, Elsie, Ruth and Florence, of Jackson, arrived Friday and are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Frank L. Beckman and family, and also her brother Harvey Reagan. They expect to leave for home via Detroit Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Darveau enjoyed Christmas in Detroit.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Koyport spent last Friday in Bay City visiting relatives.

Arthur Gorman of East Jordan is visiting at the home of his brother, Maurice Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shuman, of Detroit, were holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Mrs. Albert Pochelon, son Julius and their guests of Detroit are spending a few days at their cabin on the AuSable.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will be a pot luck at 12:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. N. Darveau on Friday, January 5.

Mrs. Louise Connine and daughter Mary Gretchen spent the Christmas holiday in Lansing visiting at the home of the former's brother, Melvin Trevegnio and family.

I wish to thank all those who voted for me in the Mac & Gidley contest, helping me to win the boys 3rd prize. My thanks also to the sponsors of the contest, Junior Trudeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows, son Myrton, and daughter Ruth, spent Christmas day in Cheboygan, where they were guests of Mr. Burrows' brother, R. J. Burrows and family.

Rev. J. L. Culligan enjoyed having as his guest over the yuletide, his father, of Grand Rapids. Fr. Culligan accompanied his father on his return to Grand Rapids to remain for the week.

The merchants of other cities are deeply interested in us when it comes to taking our money, but if asked to contribute to our home town causes, other engagements would claim their immediate attention.

Esbern Hanson Jr., who spent the Christmas holiday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson, was accompanied back to Detroit Tuesday by Miss Ella Hanson, who will spend a few weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jerome daughter Betty, and sons Ben Jr. and Arnold, accompanied by Wilbur Walton of East Lansing spent the Christmas holiday here with Mrs. Jerome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates and other relatives.

An immense quantity of pine stumps has been salvaged at the Winter Sports park and are offered free to anyone coming after them. These make excellent firewood. They want them out of the way quickly so help yourselves to all you want free.

Don't miss the Charity Ball tomorrow night, Dec. 29. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nemacek and daughter, of East Jordan visited Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nelson over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chappel returned home Tuesday from Oxford after having spent several days there with relatives.

Edward Mayotte returned Tuesday from Munising, where he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayotte over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallinger and daughter, of Higgins Lake, spent Christmas here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoesli.

Bernard Callahan returned home last week from Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient at the hospital there having undergone an operation.

By paying your subscription in advance you may also get four popular magazines. Read the advertisement on another page for further particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stammer spent last week end in Detroit visiting their son, Wilbur, who was only able to spend a few days there from New York.

Miss Anna Nelson, accompanied by Miss Mabel Richman, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lozon celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary last Thursday evening by entertaining a party of fifteen friends at their home.

Fire that started from an overheated stovepipe destroyed the upper story of the Dan Kolka home yesterday afternoon. However the lower story was saved and the family are able to occupy it.

Mrs. Kate Loskos and son Floyd spent Christmas in Grand Rapids, and Bay City visiting the former's children, Mrs. Edward Morrissey and Carl Loskos of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Clarence Ekkens of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson and sons, Nels and Esbern Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Ellen Failing spent Christmas in Bay City with Miss Margaret Failing. Esbern Jr. remained for a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. H. A. Bauman returned home Saturday from Detroit after having spent several weeks there with her daughter, Mrs. Helen Routier and son Ralph. She was accompanied by the latter who spent Christmas here.

To help Mrs. George N. Olson celebrate her birthday, a number of her friends surprised her at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Neiderer last evening. A very nice social evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rodgers, and their granddaughter, Miss Jane Ann Martin, spent Christmas here with their daughters, Mrs. Roy Milnes and family, and Mrs. Sal Martin. They returned home Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. Martin.

Albert Wood of Grayling was united in marriage to Rebecca Young, of Clay County, Kentucky, the ceremony taking place Saturday evening at the Free Methodist parsonage, Rev. Ira C. Grabbill officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rood were witnesses of the ceremony.

There seemed to be very material improvement in business in Grayling as to holiday buying compared to several years past. Grayling merchants report having a very busy month for December, and last Friday and Saturday were banner days in most of the stores.

The County came to the rescue of the Village Sunday and that night ploughed all the main traveled streets as so much snow had fallen Saturday and Sunday that it was impossible for automobiles to get through the streets. It meant a lot to be able to use one's car on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson had as their guests over the Christmas holiday their daughter Margie, Luther R. Wilber and son Donald Eugene, of Battle Creek. Christmas day the Larson family were altogether at the parental home, including Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson, and all enjoyed Christmas dinner there.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNeven, of Bay City, formerly of Grayling, were married 25 years ago Tuesday in Potosky. They spent their wedding trip in Emporia, Kansas, visiting Mrs. McNeven's sister, Mrs. P. D. Russel for a week. They are repeating their honeymoon trip, by spending a week at the Russel home. At the time they were married Mrs. McNeven who was formerly Winifred Baker, was teaching school in Grayling.

YEAR END SALES

Save on these
Seasonal
Articles

Best wishes for a
Happy New Year

1934



CLEARANCE

Sale on all boxed
Gift Articles
for children

H'd'k'f Sets
and fancy sets
1-2 Price

10 dozen New Wash

Frocks

Fast color Prints
assorted styles
79c

Mens Gray Suede Cloth

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with Elastic bottom
\$2.50

50 Boys all wool Pull Over

Sweaters

with Shawl Collars
\$1.39

Mens heavy wool Coat

Sweaters

with Shawl Collars
\$2.95

New Dresses for the Charity Party and New Years
Silk Crepes, latest styles \$6.95 and \$7.95

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Phone 125



Rialto Theatre

GRAYLING

Sun. and Mon., Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Joan
CRAWFORD
Clark
GABLE

Silly Symphony
Cartoon



Stan Laurel and
Oliver Hardy
Comedy

Charity Ball Tomorrow Night

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lozon and son Junior and Miss Margaret Tracy spent Christmas in Reed City visiting Mrs. Lozon's and Miss Tracy's parents, who reside there.

Delbert Friend is serving ten days in the County jail for molesting cars. He was arrested last Saturday night by Sheriff Bennett and in Justice Petersen's court Tuesday he pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced.

You are asked to please place your Christmas trees outdoors in front of your home when you are through with them. They will be called for to be taken to the Winter Sports Park to be used for decorative purposes. The Winter Sports association will appreciate your doing this.

Byron Dalrymple, of Ann Arbor, who played with the orchestra for the Christmas party at Spike's Beer Garden Saturday night received the sad news Sunday of the death of his wife, Mae Dalrymple, age 22 years, who was fatally injured in an auto accident. The car in which Mrs. Dalrymple was riding skidded on the slippery pavement in Ecorse road near Eloise and crashed into a tree. Mr. Dalrymple was notified of the accident by state police radio.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

All the local churches held yuletide services with large crowds in attendance. Michelson Memorial church was decorated with Christmas trees and special services were held on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and other services during the day were in keeping with the holiday.

At St. Mary's church on Christmas Day there was a high mass at 7:00 o'clock and a low mass at 11:00 o'clock. The altars were beautiful with pine boughs, evergreen wreaths, poinsettias, miniature lights and gleaming candles with the scene of the Madonna and Child which told of the significance of the first Christmas.

Danish-Lutheran church held Christmas services on Sunday morning in the English language and in the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there were services and again on Christmas day. The Free Methodists held their regular Christmas services on Sunday also. The various pastors all had messages of greetings symbolic of the glad season.

LOVELLS

(By Mrs. C. Nephew)

Ray Duby is home again, after being in the hospital for some time. He is staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duby.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Wakeley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Papenfuss of Grayling, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Maple Forest took dinner at the home of the ladies' sister, Mrs. Jake Stillwagon, Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ireland took Christmas dinner with Mrs. T. E. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon, Mrs. Cora Hannan, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nephew and daughter Iris, went to Frederic to attend the Christmas program.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. J. A. Anderson, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had a summer home here, and are well known.

Miss Doris Small visited a few days in Grayling, at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Peterson.

The Lovells and Kellogg schools had their Christmas program and tree together at the Lovella school. They had a very nice program.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Small and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gregg and family spent Christmas at the Nephew home.

Robert Papenfuss, Otis Feldhauser, Virginia Feldhauser, Edna Small and Marie McCormick who attend school at Grayling, are home for the holidays. Lewis

Stillwagon, Elmo Nephew and Bessie Small are also home from the Frederic school.

Guests at the Duby home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Kibbler, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick and family, and James Love.

Arthur Burke and son Arthur spent Christmas with Mr. Burke's sister at Boyne Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Corsaut and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Odell and family of Frederic attended the Christmas program at Lovells Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Feldhauser is ill at the home of Mr. Feldhauser's mother in Grayling.

The Cheerful Givers met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon last Wednesday. The time was spent making stockings and filling them for Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duby visited Mrs. Duby's daughter, Mrs. Tom Wakeley of Sigbee on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stillwagon had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon.

Grayling Beautiful For Yuletide

We don't believe the streets of Grayling have looked more attractive than they have this yuletide. Plenty of the "beautiful" had fallen so that Grayling had a white Christmas unlike many southern Michigan cities.

Three brilliantly lighted pine trees adorn Michigan avenue, and in front of each business place are smaller trees, all of which are laden with snow. At night with the decorations that have been arranged in the store windows the sight is a gorgeous one. Most Grayling homes caught the spirit also and outdoor as well as indoor decorations bespeak the joyous holiday season.

Thanks to our City fathers for the appearance of the downtown section.

A man may be dumb, but he's never lonesome.

Reserve Your
Tables

for

New Year's
Eve

Must be at your table by 10:30
P. M. in order to hold it.

Spike's Beer
Garden

